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Manhattan police respond to weekend assault, theft incidents

By JON PARTON
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A Manhattan man was arrested Friday evening during a domestic dispute. Riley County police charged Edward Williams, 27, with aggravated assault and criminal damage to property after responding to reports of a domestic altercation. Williams was accused of brandishing a knife, though there were no injuries sustained during the dispute. Williams was confined to the Riley County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

A Manhattan woman reported the theft of her laptop on Friday. Sarah Launchbaugh, 21, said that the computer was stolen from her residence sometime between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, by someone known to her. There have been no arrests made, but police are still investigating the incident.

Manhattan, area briefs for Feb. 4

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM
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Kansas plane crashes, 4 dead

WKRN-TV in Nashville reported a plane crash in the suburb of Bellvue shortly after 4 p.m. on Monday. The plane, which had taken off from Great Bend Municipal Airport, crashed just ten miles from the Nashville Airport where it had been scheduled to land. All four passengers perished. As of press time, the names of the victims had not been released.

South-Central Kansas experiences second earthquake in last 2 months

The Kansas City Star reported a light earthquake in Sumner County, Kan. on Monday. This is the second earthquake in a two-month period. The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. said the quake measured 3.9 on the Richter Scale and occurred at about 3 a.m. Monday morning. The epicenter of the latest quake was located just north of the Kansas-Oklahoma State line, near Caldwell. The previous quake was in almost the exact same spot and measured 3.8 on the Richter Scale on Dec. 16, 2013.

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Manhattan prepares for 'SNOWMAGEDDON'



Students stock up on groceries and alcohol in preparation of predicted five to eight inches of snow Tuesday

By JENA SAUBER
THE COLLEGIAN

Buying bread, milk or eggs might be difficult today. In anticipation of five to eight inches of snow on Tuesday, hundreds of people flocked to the grocery stores and liquor stores Monday night to stock up on supplies.

"We don't have school," said Dylan Bainter, junior in business administration. "We're stocking up."

Bainter and his roommate Casey Heim, senior in mechanical engineering, were at The Library, located in Aggierville, on Monday night to pick up beer and ingredients for White Russians.

Earlier, they'd stopped at Wal-Mart to restock on groceries.

"It was crazy," Bainter said. "I bought food for a couple of weeks, but that might have been too much. I just haven't been shopping in a while."

The liquor store started getting busy about 30 minutes after K-State announced the school closing, around 7 p.m. Monday evening, said John Richardson, manager of The Library.

"It's way busier- probably twice as busy," Richardson said, comparing Monday night to the average Monday. "As soon as they declared the snow day, we started to see people come in."

Crowds waited in lines, snaking through the aisles. The stream of traffic entering the shop was steady; people held the door open for customers wheeling out kegs while exchanging greetings of "It's a snow day!"

They hadn't run out of anything by 8:30 p.m., Richardson said.

"We are probably getting close to running out," he said. "If it would have happened tomorrow, we would have been okay."

The rush happened between deliveries, so they haven't been able to restock from the weekend, Richardson said. That won't stop them tomorrow,



TOP: Customers crowd the register at The Library about an hour after classes were cancelled for Tuesday. **John Richardson**, manager, said that it was twice as busy as a normal Monday night.

BOTTOM: **Dylan Bainter**, junior in business administration, and his roommate wait in line to buy beer at The Library Monday night. Bainter said his snow day plans are to sleep in and start drinking.

he said.

"We never closed," he said. "As long as I can get here, we'll be open."

Lots of shoppers

The lines were long at Wal-Mart, 101 Bluemont Ave., as well. Popular purchases included jugs of water, toilet paper, bread, milk and eggs.

"I don't think I've ever been out grocery shopping with this many people before," said Rachael Plotas, sophomore in athletic training.

Plotas was out shopping with friend Ariana Thompson, sophomore in open option, for "basic groceries." When they rounded an aisle as saw the egg shelves, Plotas was surprised.

"Holy cow, it's empty," she said.

Luckily, eggs weren't on her grocery list.

"I'm glad I only need to get a couple of things," Plotas said.

First snow day of year

K-State officially cancelled classes on

Tuesday for all three campuses shortly after 7 p.m. Monday evening. No snow had fallen by 7 p.m., but it was predicted to start by 3 a.m. according to The Weather Channel. By 10 a.m.

Tuesday, there is a 100 percent chance of snow. The likelihood of snow doesn't fall below 50 percent until 11 p.m. Tuesday and doesn't reach zero until noon on Wednesday. Temperatures are predicted to reach as low as 7 degrees, with a wind chill of -8.

In 2014, Manhattan has received 0.14 inches of precipitation, slightly up from the average of 0.1 inches to date. The normal January total is 1.07 inches.

The total precipitation is different than snowfall depth, which is measured by volume; precipitation is typically measured by melting any form of precipitation, including snowfall.

Safety and fun

The Riley County Police Department urged motorists to "increase your follow distance on slick roads," on Twitter Monday evening. They cancelled the scheduled Car Seat Check Lane at the Manhattan Fire Department due to what they called the impending "Snowmageddon."

Bainter and Heim had no plans of venturing out on Tuesday.

"We are going to sleep in, and then start drinking," Bainter said.

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2004: Mark Zuckerberg, along with four other Harvard students, founded Facebook. Originally available only to Harvard students, the social media platform was later released to the public. The social media website now has over 1.2 billion users worldwide.

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POWERCAT PROFILE

BRI CRAIG

By KIERSTEN SCHORGL
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Sophomore Bri Craig was born to be an athlete. Craig comes from an extremely athletic family. Her mother, Terri Craig, then Terri Parriott, played for the Nebraska women's basketball team in the early 1980's while her father and uncle were members of the Nebraska football team. So with sports in her blood, it is no surprise that Craig has become the athlete that she is today.

Craig has been passionate about basketball since the young age of two. Attending all the Huskers women's basketball games with her mother, serving as the team's ball girl, and learning the game from her mother at a young age, Craig quickly developed her passion for hoops. Basketball, however, was not Craig's only sport. Craig fell in love with soccer and had to choose between the two sports. With her mother's support and perseverance, Craig chose to stick with basketball.

"You'd think Bri is a senior by the way she plays on the court," Deb Patterson, head coach of the women's basketball team, said. "Sometimes I forget she's only a sophomore."

Playing in 36 games, recording 34 starts, in her debut season, it's no



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Last year, sophomore guard **Bri Craig** had to step up and take on a leadership role when the Wildcats found their roster dwindling down to a mere seven players due to injuries. Craig's teammates and head coach both attribute her increased confidence and energy on the court to her extensive playing time as a freshman.

wonder Craig is viewed as an experienced player on the team.

"I love playing defense," she said. "I take so much pride in keeping my man in front of me. Defensive intensity is what drives me in the game."

Although Craig finds it difficult to go hard every play, she said that having a good fan base and girls off the bench help her create energy in addition to the energy she creates on her own. However, it is her tenacity that helps her to not give up in

a game, especially in ball handling, which Craig has self-proclaimed her biggest weakness.

Last season, K-State only had seven players, which was a tough time for the team. The team had a huge victory against Oklahoma

State, which was a great moment for K-State, and Craig's favorite memory as a Wildcat thus far. But last year was a learning experience for the Craig, and she was expected to play major minutes. Being out there, learning the game and having to correct her mistakes on her own when she couldn't come out of the game, helped Craig develop a higher basketball IQ today. Craig brings a combination of game time experience and a thorough understanding of the role that her coaches expect her to play.

Last year not only made an impact on Craig as a player, but she made an impression on the team as well.

"Last year has definitely given her a big sense of confidence," said freshman guard Kelly Thompson. "I think every freshman when they come in is a little nervous, but last year has made her a leader. She is a voice heard throughout the gym, and a player that all the girls look up to. She works hard on and off the court."

As a Family Studies and Human Services major, Craig aspires to one day open up her own marriage and family therapy clinic, but until then she hopes to overcome her ball handling weakness, and continue her strength in defense will drive her to become the team leader she hopes to be by her senior year on the team.

Defensive games too slow, boring

TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

The late Green Bay Packers head coach Vince Lombardi once said, "We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time." But, if you asked any of the Denver Broncos players after Sunday's 43-8 Super Bowl XLVIII blowout, they'd likely tell you that 60 minutes was too much football.

Enough time, however, for the Seattle Seahawks defense to completely overwhelm one of the NFL's best offenses of all-time, that is.

In fact, the Seahawks defense, commonly known as the "Legion of Boom," was so good that Bruno Mars' 12-minute halftime performance was longer than the Broncos' time of possession in Seattle territory all night.

The now Super Bowl champs thwarted quarterback Peyton Manning and company's plans all evening,

adding credibility to the old adage "defense wins championships."

But, as the final whistle blew at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., football fans everywhere had to ask themselves, "Are defensive blowouts what we really want to watch?"

Over 50 percent of TV Guide readers called Sunday's game, "so boring" in an online poll. Deadspin labeled the game a "bloodbath," with the top comment asking, "Soo...this is the worst Super Bowl ever?" And if that's not enough, you could check out the thousands of posts on social media from people who complained about the competitiveness all evening, or let everyone know they tuned out early altogether.

Of course, it was a very one-sided game from the get-go. Seattle's offense could have literally gone scoreless and still have pulled out a victory, so you do have a real argument about whether or not dominating defensive performance are fun to watch.

The truth of the matter is even if defenses do win championships, most people don't want to watch it, especially in a Super Bowl-esque game. High-scoring shootouts are

much more entertaining and marketable for the average fan. Take Denver's Oct. 20 game against the Indianapolis Colts, for example, it was a primetime-slotted matchup that featured eight touchdowns in an exciting 39-33 finish in favor of the Colts.

You can even look to the NCAA to back up this notion as well. One of the most talked-about games of the 2013-14 bowl season was Texas A&M's thrilling 52-48 come-from-behind victory over the Duke Blue Devils in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. In that game, the two starting quarterbacks combined for 809 yards passing and seven touchdowns.

Even sports unrelated to football feature similar arguments. Most Major League Baseball fans will tell you they enjoy pitcher's duels, but yet you often find people calling three-to-four hour games with few hits or runs "boring."

But, back to football. While the most adamant of football fans will agree that defenses win championships, it might be hard for them to admit that one-sided, defensive games like Super Bowl XLVIII are quite possibly less exciting to watch.

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High-scoring shootouts are



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Sat., Oct. 11 - BYE	Sat., Oct. 18 - Oklahoma*; Norman, Okla.	Sat., Oct. 25 - Texas*; Manhattan, Kan.
Sat., Nov. 1 - Oklahoma State*; Manhattan, Kan.	Sat., Nov. 8 - TCU*; Fort Worth, Texas	Sat., Nov. 15 - BYE
Thu., Nov. 20 - West Virginia*; Morgantown, W.Va.	Sat., Nov. 29 - KU*; Manhattan, Kan.	Sat., Dec. 6 - Baylor*; Waco, Texas

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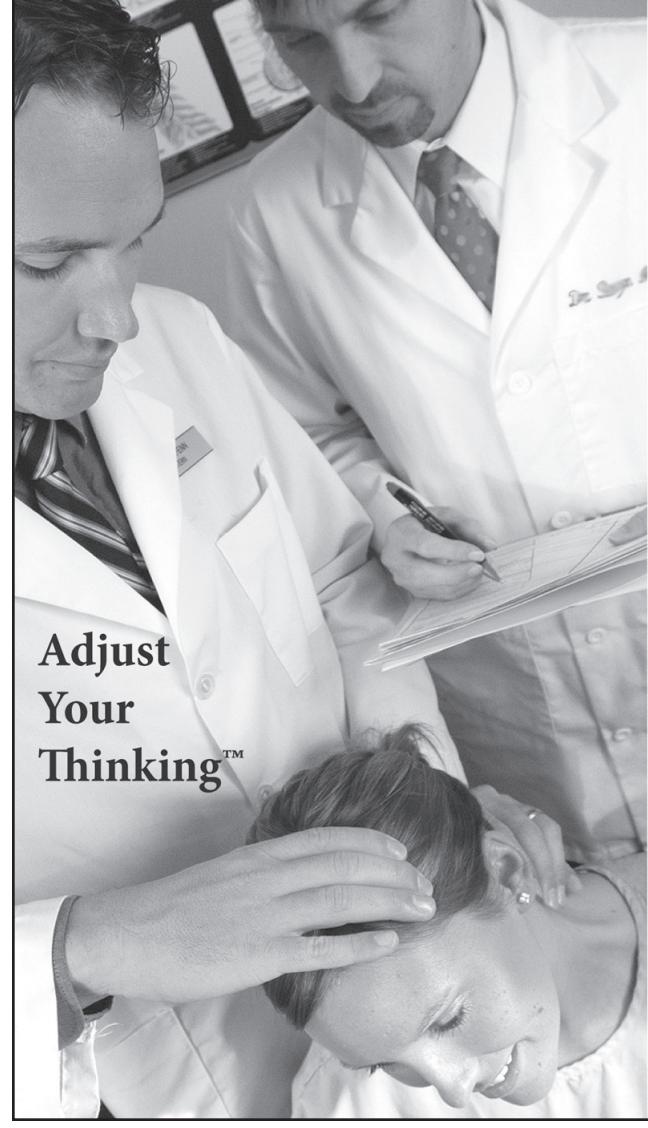
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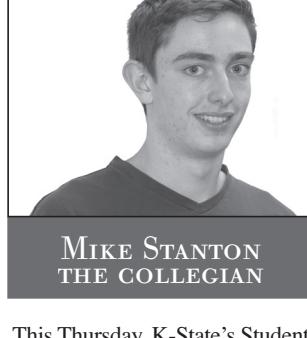
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Further campus smoking restrictions would be pointless



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This Thursday, K-State's Student Senate will vote on a resolution that would recommend limiting smoking on campus to designated areas. Although the final decision rests in the hands of university administration, Speaker of the Senate Kyle Nuss said administration has indicated they will take action if the resolution passes.

I'm not a smoker, so a change in policy would not affect me personally. However, I'm not a big fan of the idea for several reasons.

Last spring, the Student Governing Association conducted a plebiscite vote to gauge public opinion on campus smoking. Of the roughly 3,800 students and faculty who voted, nearly 85 percent of respondents favored further restrictions, and more than 35 percent approved of a full ban of smoking on campus. However, more than 90 percent of those voters indicated they weren't smokers; obviously, it's easier to support restrictions on a right you don't exercise. Furthermore, K-State has nearly 24,000 students. Less than one-sixth of the student body population was represented in the vote, which hardly seems like an adequate sample size to base such a major change on.

Proponents of the resolution argue that limiting smoking to predetermined areas would cut down on secondhand smoke. I've heard lots of complaints about students being "trapped" behind smokers while walking between classes. Maybe I'm in the minority here, but I've never had issues with this. I don't like breathing in or smelling like cigarette smoke either, but I've found that simply increasing or decreasing my walking pace puts plenty of space between myself and any smokers I come across. It's a much easier solution than forcing smokers into certain areas, and allows me to remain smoke-free without infringing on anyone else's freedoms.

I get that smoking is bad for you, and that it can be bad for others when they're consistently exposed to it. With that in mind, as a student who

is on campus every day, I just don't believe anyone is exposed to secondhand smoke regularly enough to merit forbidding students from making a personal choice.

I'm also skeptical about the university's ability to enforce a more restrictive policy. The current policy prohibits smoking within 30 feet of marked entrances to university buildings. I see this rule violated on a daily basis; what will make a new one any different? The SGA resolution

states that the body "supports stricter enforcement" of whatever new policy is enacted. It takes less than five minutes to smoke a cigarette, and people tend to walk around when they smoke. Unless people are paid to constantly patrol campus, it will be awfully hard to enforce.

Smokers are increasingly in the minority, on campus and across the country. However, just because most people don't agree with their choice doesn't mean they should be permit-

ted to forbid it. Most people find tuna to have an unpleasant smell; should we force those who enjoy eating it for lunch to sit in a designated section of the K-State Student Union?

The Student Senate has an important decision on their hands Thursday evening. I'd encourage them to remember that they were elected to represent the entire student population of their respective college. It would be quite a shame if they voted to isolate some of their constituents

so that the rest didn't have to put up with them.

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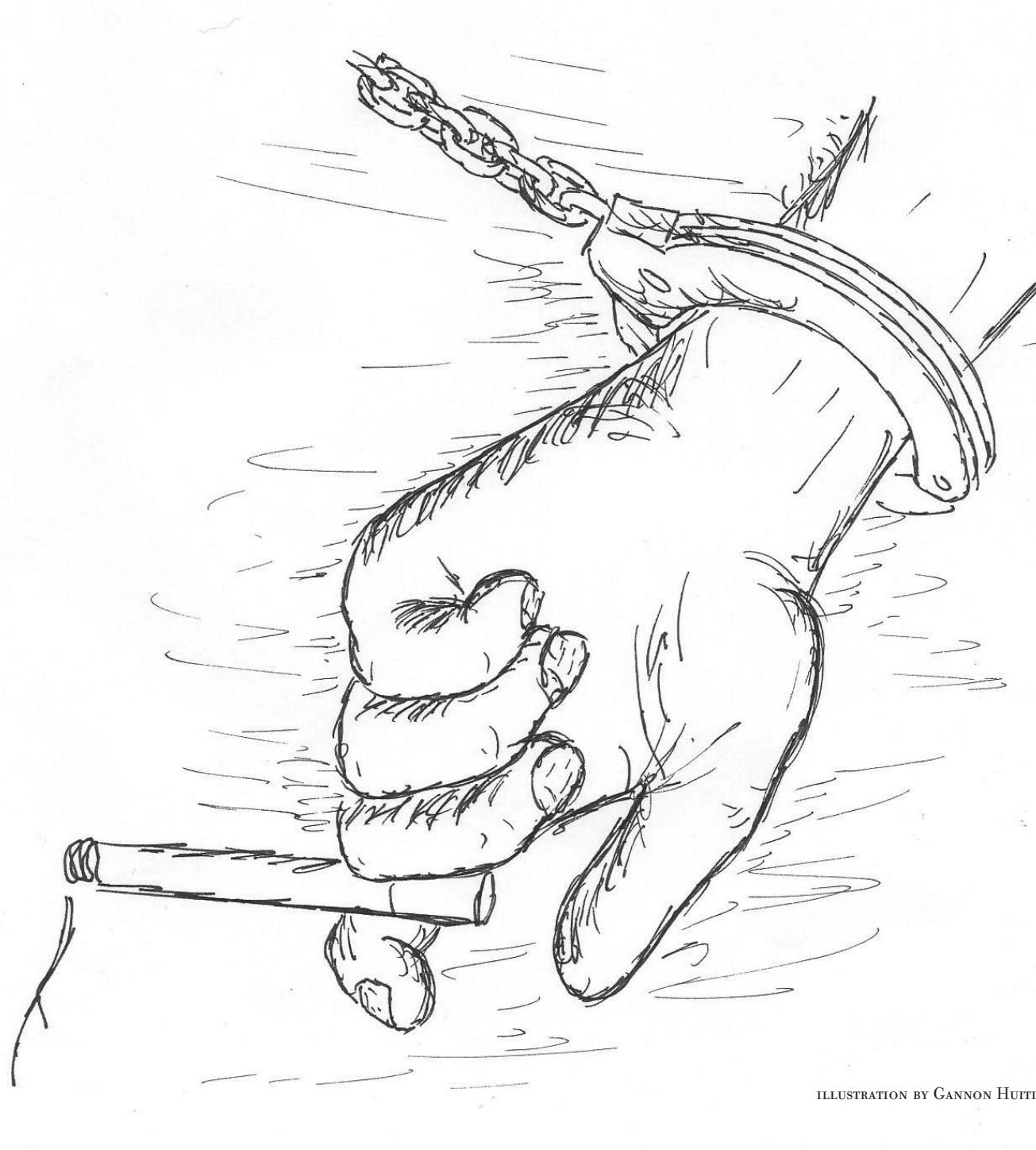


ILLUSTRATION BY GANNON HUITING

Government working with lobbyists to unfairly restrict broadband infrastructure

BY JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas Senate introduced a bill last week that would prevent cities from offering broadband Internet services to Kansans. Furthermore, it would prohibit cities and towns from offering tax incentives to companies seeking improvements to broadband infrastructure, like Google's fiber service.

This legislation, under the guise of "fairness," does nothing but hurt consumers and demonstrates just how much our politicians are in bed with corporations; this isn't the first time big business has tried to block broadband growth.

The bill, S.B. 304, was introduced to the Senate's Commerce Committee by John Federico, lobbyist for and the president of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association.

The wording of the bill follows a model cooked up by the American Legislative Exchange Council, a multi-million

dollar organization composed of corporate lobbyists and conservative politicians. A similar bill was struck down in Minnesota two years ago.

Kansas Sen. Susan Wagle, vice-chair of the Commerce Committee, also serves as a board member for ALEC. Wagle received more than \$30,000 from out-of-state contributions for her 2012 run for office, including a total of \$5,500 from KCTA, Cox Cable, Comcast and AT&T.

It's easy to understand what is going on here. This bill has nothing to do with fairness, and it certainly isn't in the best interests of Kansans to have a lobbying firm restrict broadband to the purview of a few corporations.

This bill, written by corporate lobbyists, is only meant to limit consumer choices. Rather than improve their service, raise data speeds and compete openly on the free market, these broadband providers prefer to shut out the competition through unfair regulation.

As reported in the Wichita Eagle on Monday, Sen.

Julia Lynn, chairwoman of the committee, said she doesn't think it's fair for corporations to compete with cities. Her stance isn't shocking given that she, herself, received \$4,250 from corporate broadband providers in 2012.

In fact, the majority of senators on the committee have previously accepted political donations from the KCTA.

Luckily, this story was picked up quickly and spread throughout social media.

The day after the bill was submitted, Federico confirmed to website Ars Technica that his lobbying group will request the hearing on the bill to be postponed while they rewrite the law. Although it may seem like a minor victory for Kansans, it still doesn't change the fact that our government allows corporations and lobbyists to dictate legislation that affects every day lives of the residents of Kansas.

The incident is indicative of the greater problem, which is

how ordinary people lack representation in Topeka. The city of Chanute, Kan. already runs a high-speed broadband network as a public utility, approved by its residents. This bill isn't about fairness, it's about taking away freedom of choice.

Until reforms are made to campaign finance laws, the best thing we can continue to do is remain an informed populace.

These types of laws only get

passed when the public averts

its gaze from lawmakers. We

have to remind these politicians who they work for, and it isn't the cable companies.

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"One basis their degree" on the career they want, says the English major. #bases

All the Broncos fans who wore their gear on campus after beating the Chiefs seem to have collectively misplaced their gear all at once. But really, who can blame them? The Puppy Bowl was more competitive.

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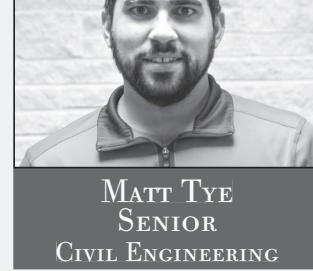
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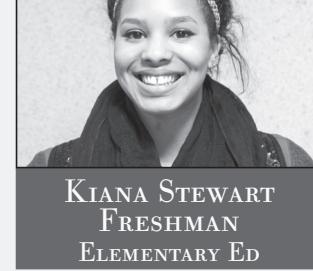
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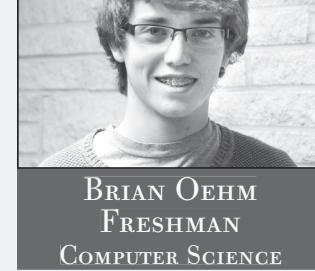
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"I like walking around in the snow, just making snow angels and stuff like that, and then go in and drink hot chocolate."

"I like to read and drink coffee simultaneously--that's my favorite thing to do."

"Just stay home and sleep, I guess."

"If I was in Colorado I'd definitely be trying to go up and snowboard."

"I live at [Alpha of] Clivia, and our favorite thing to do on a snow day is we get our really large baking sheets and we use them as sleds."

BRIEFS | KDOT to take on highway reconstruction

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According to the USGS, earthquakes under 4.0 on the Richter Scale can be felt by people, but rarely cause damage. No damage was reported for either of these quakes.

KDOT approves maintenance bids

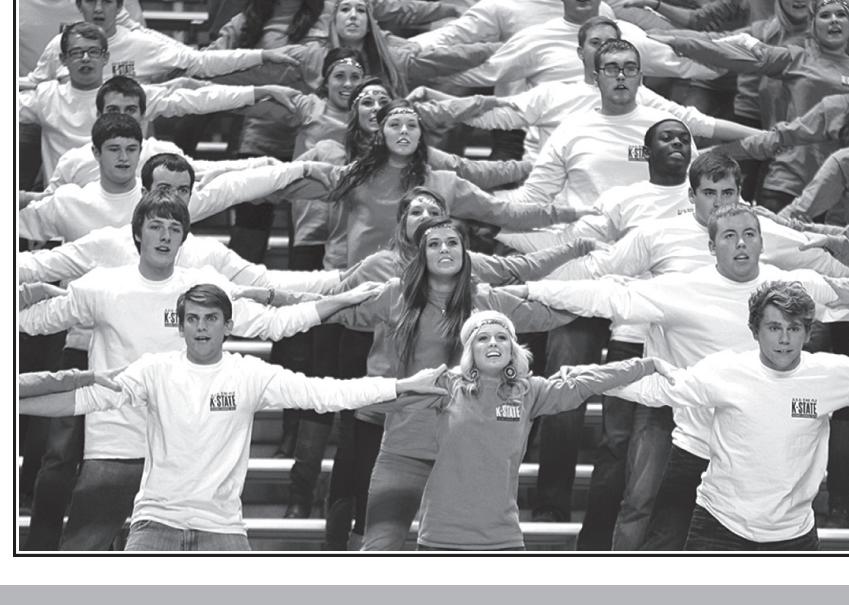
The Kansas Department of Transportation announced bids for maintenance projects and highway reconstruction that had been approved. Shilling Construction Company, Inc. and Subsidiaries, based in Manhattan, won a number of bids for projects in Elk and

Montgomery counties, as well as part of a recycle and overlay project on the Montgomery/Labette County line. For more information, visit kdot.org.

Doctoral dissertation

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Jacqueline Ott, titled, "Ecological Implications of Grass Bud Bank and Tiller Dynamics in Mixed-Grass Prairie." It will be held Feb. 13 at 9:00 a.m. in 232 Ackert Hall.

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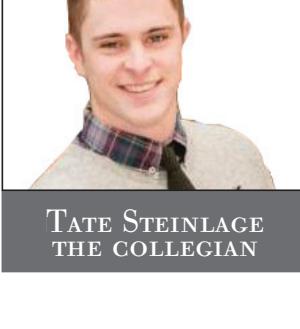
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'Rocksmith 2014' video game uses genuine guitars, adaptive learning software



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Kurt Gartner, associate director of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance at K-State, learns to play a riff from a rock song using Rocksmith 2014 Thursday at Manhattan Christian College. Though it looks similar to games like Guitar Hero and Rockband, musicians can plug their real guitars into Rocksmith and use its lessons and training exercises to learn to play their instrument, much like popular linguistics software Rosetta Stone uses immersion techniques to teach language.

TATE STEINLAGE
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Think you can't learn real guitar with a video game? Think again.

The music game genre has been called a dying breed ever since the "Guitar Hero" series went on hiatus in 2011. However, a new franchise believes that could not be further from the truth. To prove it, however, users will have to toss the plastic guitars to the side in favor of

strapping on the real instrument.

"Rocksmith 2014" is powered by music. The game lets a player plug in any guitar or bass into their console or computer and learn the craft as the game adjusts to their skill level.

Rather than hitting color-coded buttons, players will have to work up and down a real fretboard, learning methods like chords, bends and sustains as they go.

This new evolution of music games has Kurt Gartner, associate director of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance and professor of music, interested to see what it can do for those looking into learning guitar.

"It's really, really well designed in terms of the graphics and audio," Gartner said. "But I think one of the big advantages is that you can pick up your own

guitar and work with this game. Even if you have a less expensive guitar, it's still a guitar — not a plastic toy. So, you're getting a real feel for the instrument."

"Rocksmith 2014" acts as a personal teacher that guides the player every step of the way. As the player progresses, the game slowly introduces more notes and phrases until players are playing the same material the original

artists play.

Rather than failing players and making them restart when they come to a difficult section, the game will slow those sections down and teach players what they are struggling with.

"I don't think people learn the way that they used to one generation ago, where you sit down and you look at a book and you work through a book from page A to page Z," Gartner said. "The learning approach in 'Rocksmith 2014' is much less linear. Here, if you're getting a little frustrated with something or want to follow up on a certain aspect of playing, you can move to a different part of the experience and learn a little something different."

As much as it is a teaching tool, however, "Rocksmith 2014" is still a video game. It is made to be fun. In-game objectives, leader boards and mini-games achieve this while actually drilling players with repetition. So, even while one is vigorously learning, players are also having fun.

"It's not easy to make learning guitar fun and fast, but 'Rocksmith' has found a way to do both," Marty Schwartz, an online guitar teacher on YouTube, said in a "Rocksmith 2014" promo.

For a genre of video games that has, to this point, provided entertainment only, "Rocksmith 2014" manages to package it in with real-life application. The game may not turn participants into the next Jimi Hendrix over night, but Gartner said he agrees that it'll get people started with guitar and keep them going for a very long time.

"Having access to all of these features, songs and lessons keeps you engaged," Gartner said. "I can see a lot of people spending a lot of hours on this."

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'God of Carnage' cast ready to depict intense interactions from award-winning play

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and mishaps push the pairs until their true motivations, desires and annoyances are revealed. The New York Times reviewed the original Broadway production, saying it was refreshing to see "good actors behaving terribly."

"I was excited to work on it knowing that it won the Tony award for best play in 2009," Jerry Jay Cranford, instructor in theatre and director of the show, said. "That to me was exciting, to take a piece that has this sort of thoroughbred history and explore. I actually started working on it and reading it last June."

The four-person cast of "God of Carnage" is small, but diverse. Clay Massingill, Mark Young and Amanda Garvey, freshman, junior and senior in theatre respectively and Dani Golway, junior in mass communications, make up the group of actors who bring the story to life.

"I've had to find a little bit of myself in a character who isn't exactly a savory character," Garvey said. "I've had to find how I can believe in the things she says and what she

believes. And she isn't exactly a nice person."

Regular K-State theatergoers will recognize Massingill, Golway and Young from productions last semester, while Garvey makes her return to the Chapman stage from last year.

"Working with Jay is definitely different than any other director I've worked with before, but every director is different," Garvey said. "I've also never been in a cast this small or worked this fast to put a show on its feet. I'm very proud of the teamwork we've exhibited together and how we've really helped each other through this process."

Choice of actors was especially important for this show, as critics of the work claim that the script itself is nothing noteworthy, but the nuances of the actors brought out the play's comedy. "God of Carnage" won Tony Awards in 2009 for Best Play, Best Actress, won by Marcia Gray Harden and Best Director, Matthew Warchus.

Still, Cranford said he has had his work cut out for him.

"It's up to the director to decide how far the arguments go, and how physical they become," Cranford said.

"Those aren't given to you in the script, so it's been fun exploring that aspect with these four people and how far we can push that physicality, that tension, the arguments, those dynamics."

Rehearsals for the group began while most K-State students were still relaxing at home or abroad.

"We began early during the Christmas break. The students and I came back Jan. 7 to begin rehearsals," Cranford said. "We rehearsed like a professional theatre company until school started in that we rehearsed from 10 to 5. It's certainly easier to corral a group of four students over Christmas break than it would have a large cast. The drawback is, any time the cast is smaller, it puts a greater burden on the actors. Everything — memorization, blocking, there aren't the numbers to divvy up the material. It relies heavily on these four people."

As show time approach-

es, Cranford said that this show will turn out to be "fun, intriguing and interesting" and will also include a surprising special effect that the audience will enjoy or "find slightly disturbing."

Either way, the point of all theatre, especially student theatre, according to Cranford, is to be seen.

"First off, I would say, for all of the thousands that support all of the athletic teams, I would beg you to support some of your fellow K-State students that are doing some amazing work on the other side of campus," Cranford said. "Part of their training is being in front of an audience and we need you to come help them grow. Also, it's quick, it's fun, and if you enjoy all the reality TV shows and what happens when they reel out of control, then this would be a great show for you to come

and see."

Cranford also said that, while the show is, at face value, a raucous comedy, a deeper message can be found if the audience is willing to find it.

"What I hope they take from this is how ridiculous we can become in any given circumstance," Cranford said. "I tie it into reality television, especially into the real housewives. We take fragile people and sort of put them in front of us. We cheer for them to fight and belittle themselves. What I hope this show does is speak to us and make us say, 'I will never act like these people.' I hope it speaks a little to our humanity."

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